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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: P. Dhingra
FUMITAKA GOTO et al.	)	
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Filed: September 16, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD	:	
THEREOF	)	December 2, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
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STATUS REQUEST

Sir:

Applicants' undersigned attorney was advised by the Examiner in the  
above-identified application that a new Office Action was forthcoming.

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Since the date for responding to the erroneously mailed Office Action is two days from now, i.e., December 4, 2008, Applicants are anxious to know whether or not a response to that Office Action must be filed, or whether extension fees will be incurred if a response is not filed in the interest of waiting for a new Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicant's representative as indicated below and provide the status of the next Office Action.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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